

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An absorbent article comprising a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet, and a liquid retentive absorbent member interposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, wherein

B1 said backsheet comprises a laminated sheet composed of a breathable film printed with a multicolor pattern and a nonwoven material, the nonwoven material being superposed on the printed side of said film,

the printed area of said film has an L^* value of 10 to 93 and a C^* value of 20 to 120 as measured with a color difference meter,

said nonwoven material has a light transmittance of 40 to 83%, and wherein nonprinted background areas on the printed side of said breathable film have a b^* value of zero or a negative number.

Please add the following claims:

B2 sub cr --10. An absorbent article comprising a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet, and a liquid retentive absorbent member interposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, wherein

said backsheet comprises a laminated sheet composed of a breathable film printed with a multicolor pattern and a nonwoven material, the nonwoven material being superposed on the printed side of said film,

the printed area of said film has an L* value of 10 to 93 and a C* value of 20 to 120 as measured with a color difference meter,

said nonwoven material has a light transmittance of 40 to 83% and a basis weight of 30 to 45 g/m²; and

nonprinted background areas on the printed side of said breathable film have a b* value of 0 to -5.--

--11. The absorbent article according to claim 10, wherein said b* value is less than 0 and greater than or equal to -5.--